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U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, January 31.—Last 24 hours' rainfall, .09.
Temperature, Max. 76; Min. 66. Weather, rainy.

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SUGAR.—96 Degree Test Centrifugals, 3.75c; Per Ton, \$75.00.
88 Analysis Beets, 9s. 11¹/₂d.; Per Ton, \$81.70.

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HONOLULU, HAWAII TERRITORY, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1908.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

CHINATOWN EN FETE FOR KONOHI

Chinese New Year Born to Music of Many Firecrackers.

Konoahi is here, as all who live within a mile of the center of Chinatown can bear witness. The New Year was ushered into Honolulu in the style peculiar to those to whom the celebration is the one holiday time of the year, with the explosion of thousands of firecrackers and the booming of innumerable bombs. The number of yards of crackers may have been less than in former years and the bombs of smaller size, but the noise was ear-splitting just the same, and the danger of fire none the less imminent.

Chinatown was busy from early yesterday morning in preparation for the big event. Along Hotel street and Beretania avenue in that quarter hundreds of street vendors did big business with stands of Chinese lilies, and everywhere the merchants were decorating their places of business, hanging streamers of red cloth from their store signs and replacing the faded flowers and peacock feathers, which have braved the elements since the last celebration, with new ones, bright with gay tinsels and fresh blossoms. The various clubhouses throughout the quarter hummed with life as the members swept and garnished the buildings for today's reception, while elsewhere along the streets the big lanterns and the more modern electric brilliancies were hung out for the darkness to transform the thoroughfares into lanes of light.

Until the whistles blew for midnight and the firecrackers and bombs were touched off for their half hour din, Chinatown was quiet after nightfall, quieter even than usual. According to the excellent principle prevailing, every family gathered as many of their members together as possible for the final meal of the old year, a gathering at which all the differences of the twelvemonth were wiped out, grudges forgotten and quarrels straightened out. Until midnight each family kept to itself. After midnight (Continued on Page Four.)

EXPERT BEE MAN COMING HERE FROM WASHINGTON

Dr. E. F. Phillips, in charge of apiculture, Bureau of Entomology, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, will make a special trip to Hawaii next month under a letter of authority from the Secretary of Agriculture. The trip is a result of the efforts of the Hawaiian Bee-Keepers' Association. In a letter to the secretary of the association, Dr. Phillips states that he will leave San Francisco on the transport Crook, scheduled to sail on February 20.

Speaking of Dr. Phillips' visit yesterday, D. L. Van Dine said: "Tropical conditions must receive consideration in American agriculture from now on, and nowhere can these conditions as regards bee-keeping be seen to better advantage than in Hawaii. The equipment of the apiaries and the manipulation of the bees here necessarily differ in many respects to practise in temperate-zone localities. We want to know if we are overlooking anything that would give a larger return. Because of Dr. Phillips' wide experience on the mainland, he will be able to suggest the ways we can change our operations to increase the output or produce more economically the present output. He will spend about a month here and visit all the principal apiaries of the islands."

"We have reason to think that no disease of bees exists in Hawaii. An expert can give us authoritative assurance and point out the measures that will be necessary to insure fu-



WHAT BISHOP RESTARICK SAW IN A WIDE-OPEN TOWN

Editor Advertiser: Thank you for coming out so strongly in relation to any proposal to attract people here by making this place a resort where open vice would be permitted. You have the thanks of every right-minded citizen for standing out against this and other proposals of the kind. Any such idea as that said to be advocated in relation to getting people here by permitting gambling, puts one thing first in human life, and that is the getting of the dollar. Again and again, Mr. Editor, you and I have heard in the Western States an objection to putting a stop to open vice, that it would "hurt the town." The idea being that gamblers and others who spend money freely would circulate money and increase the population. The idea of progress and prosperity seems to be numbers without

any regard for quality, and that we want to get more citizens no matter what their character is.

When gamblers were allowed to run their places here in a period not long since, I took pains to trace the cause behind most of the financial delinquencies of young Hawaiians. The cause was gambling. Bring people here by having an open town! No matter whether this leads to the debauchery of our youth or not!

Thank God there are enough people in Honolulu who value the moral lives of their children and their neighbors' children too highly to entertain any idea of prosperity which comes from the permission of open vice.

You and I, Mr. Editor, lived together years ago in a wide-open town. The times were certainly exciting, but, as boys say now, they were "fierce." Your brother, who was with you then, told me how he looked from your newspaper office into a backyard which belonged to a saloon and gam-

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PROBABLY FATAL STREET CAR ACCIDENT

A Japanese woman, whose identity has not yet been established, received probably fatal injuries last night by jumping off a moving Rapid Transit car. Her skull is fractured and she is otherwise hurt, leading the physicians who attended her at the Queen's Hospital to be doubtful of her recovery. At the time of the accident she was carrying a four-year-old child, a girl, who miraculously escaped any injury whatever in the mad plunge that brings her mother to death's door.

The accident occurred last night at eight o'clock, the woman and child being passengers on King street car No. 2, eastbound. The car was passing Singer's bakery at a fair rate of speed when, without giving any stop signal of any kind, the woman picked up the child and jumped off. As soon as her feet touched the ground she was thrown on the back of her head with terrific force and was rendered unconscious, the child being thrown out of her arms and rolled over and over on the road.

As soon as the ambulance could arrive from the police station the woman was taken to the hospital for treatment. Up until a late hour last night she had not regained consciousness, and there was no way by which it could be learned who she is.

IAUKEA TAKES GOOD POSITION

Presents Resignation and the Reasons for It to His Party Leaders.

The resignation of Sheriff Iaukea as a member of the Central Committee of the Territorial Democratic party was presented and accepted at a meeting of that committee last night. This resignation was the main matter to come up, the only other business of importance being a report from the committee on rules.

Sheriff Iaukea's letter of resignation was as follows:

January 31, 1908.

Mr. J. Emmeluth, Secretary Democratic Central Committee, Honolulu.

Dear Sir: The stand I have taken in withdrawing from politics and requiring all police officers and Democrats in office to abstain from political activity at the coming campaign, is generally known, I think, amongst many of our party leaders, and the one thing remaining to give it public assurance is my own resignation from membership in the executive council of the Democratic party. This I now do, leaving the way clear for the Central Committee to appoint someone in my place and stead.

I believe the Democratic party expects me to make good, and to render a good accounting of my stewardship not only in the sense of giving the people an honest and efficient administration, but in instituting police reforms that will make for clean government. If this, then, is what is expected of me, it must also be my reason for taking the step that I have and doing all I can, by precept and example, to free the department from the demoralizing influences of political machinations.

A rule of the department provides that no police officer shall be a member of any political nominating convention, and that he shall not take an active part in politics except to cast his individual vote for such candidates as he may prefer. The purpose and public policy of this rule cannot be questioned, and you can readily perceive that it would be a strange incongruity for the head of a department to enforce a regulation among his subordinates which he himself ignores.

With assurances of my highest devotion to duty and party, and wishing the Democratic party a successful campaign, I remain, dear sir,

Very sincerely yours,

C. P. IAUKEA.

BABBITT WILL MAKE TRIP TO WASHINGTON

W. H. Babbitt, Superintendent of Public Instruction, is hastening the arrangement of his office affairs to permit of his departure next Friday for Washington, where he is invited to attend the conference of State Superintendents of Public Instruction to be held on the 24th of this month.

On receiving the invitation from E. E. Brown, U. S. Commissioner of Education, Mr. Babbitt submitted the matter to Governor Frear, who by letter has urged him of the desirability of his attendance at the conference. Though loth to leave his work at home, which the designing of new schoolhouses has lately made particularly arduous, Mr. Babbitt takes the advice of the Governor as, in a degree, mandatory. At the same time he fully appreciates the advantages of attending the conference for the benefit of educational administration in Hawaii.

Mr. Babbitt had a personal conference with the Governor late yesterday afternoon, after which he stated that it was settled he should go. He will leave in the Korea on Friday and be absent about two months.



DR. C. S. JAMESON.

GOVERNOR HUGHES IS OUT WITH PLATFORM OF POLITICAL VIEWS

Favors Government Supervision of Railroads and Tariff Revision---Fleet at the Strait ---Japanese Cloud Lifts.

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

NEW YORK, February 1.—Governor Hughes made his formal entrance of the contest for the Republican nomination for President last night by announcing his views on national issues. He commends the administration of President Roosevelt and favors Federal supervision of railroads and a revision of the tariff.

REASSURING NEWS FROM JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

TOKIO, February 1.—The American reply to Japan's note on emigration is satisfactory.

It is believed that the budget will pass by a considerable majority. Japanese officials are confident that the negotiations with China concerning boundary and railroad matters will be amicably arranged.

Aoki will have an audience with the Emperor on February 5. He will be reappointed privy councillor.

The government will subsidize Katsura's mainland colonization scheme to the amount of 300,000 yen annually.

THE FLEET AT THE STRAIT.

PUNTA ARENAS, February 1.—The American battleship fleet will enter the Strait of Magellan here at noon today.

NAVAL BUDGET HEAVILY CUT.

WASHINGTON, February 1.—The House Committee on Naval Affairs has cut the naval estimates \$25,000,000.

PORTUGUESE PRESS COERCED.

LISBON, February 1.—Three newspapers of this city have been suppressed for sedition.

ATELL THE WINNER.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 1.—Atell won the prizefight in the thirteenth round.

DR. JAMESON OUT.

CAPETOWN, February 1.—Dr. Jameson, premier of Cape Colony, has resigned.

THAW JURY TAKING TIME.

NEW YORK, February 1.—The Thaw jury spent the night locked in.

ROOSEVELT RECOMMENDS NEW EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ACT

WASHINGTON, January 31.—A message from the President to Congress today says that in view of the decision of the Supreme Court that the employers' liability act is unconstitutional, new legislation is needed regarding the relations between capital, labor and corporations. He says that a public liability law should be reenacted and limited to cases to which it can legally apply under the decision just rendered.

The President advises an act providing compensation for employees injured in the government service and says that action is necessary to prevent accidents. Roosevelt further advises that in cases of injunctions in labor troubles the government should assume a measure of control.

Laws to control the interstate railroads and to restrain the watering of stock are also urged by the President, and he declares further for measures to prevent gambling in stocks and commodities.

FLEET ENTERS THE STRAIT.

CAPE VIRGIN, Argentina, January 31.—The American fleet of sixteen battleships bound for the Pacific passed here today.

SAN SALVADOR'S NEW PRESIDENT.

SAN SALVADOR, January 31.—Miguel Davila has been elected President.

MANILA THE NAVAL BASE.

WASHINGTON, January 31.—It has been settled that Manila shall be the chief naval base in the Philippines.

PERSIAN REBELS HOLD CITY.

ODESSA, January 31.—Tabriz is in possession of the rebels and Europeans have barricaded their homes.

ANOTHER NEW YORK BANK SUSPENDS.

NEW YORK, January 31.—The Oriental Bank has suspended.